Facilities for Handicapped Children

1594. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities being provided to fully and partially handicapped children in rural and urban areas;

(b) whether there are any special institutions established which take care of improving the condition of such children; and

(c) if so, whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard to ensure effective functioning of such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) This Ministry has launched a number of schemes implemented through the State Governments, voluntary organizations, National/Regional level Institutes and District Rehabilitation Centres (DRC) to provide rehabilitation services all over the country.

(b) Yes Sir. Under the programmes of the Ministry, around 400 special schools and 150 vocational training centers are supported. Some of the State Governments are also supporting such programmes.

(c) Yes Sir. The working of the institutions is monitored through periodic reports and inspections.

Utilization of Funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for SCs/STs

1595. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes for SCs/STs.

(b) the funds provided for these schemes during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the funds provided are not being used for the very schemes they are meant for; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?